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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME	)	Date: <u>May 20, 2009</u>

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated February 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks.